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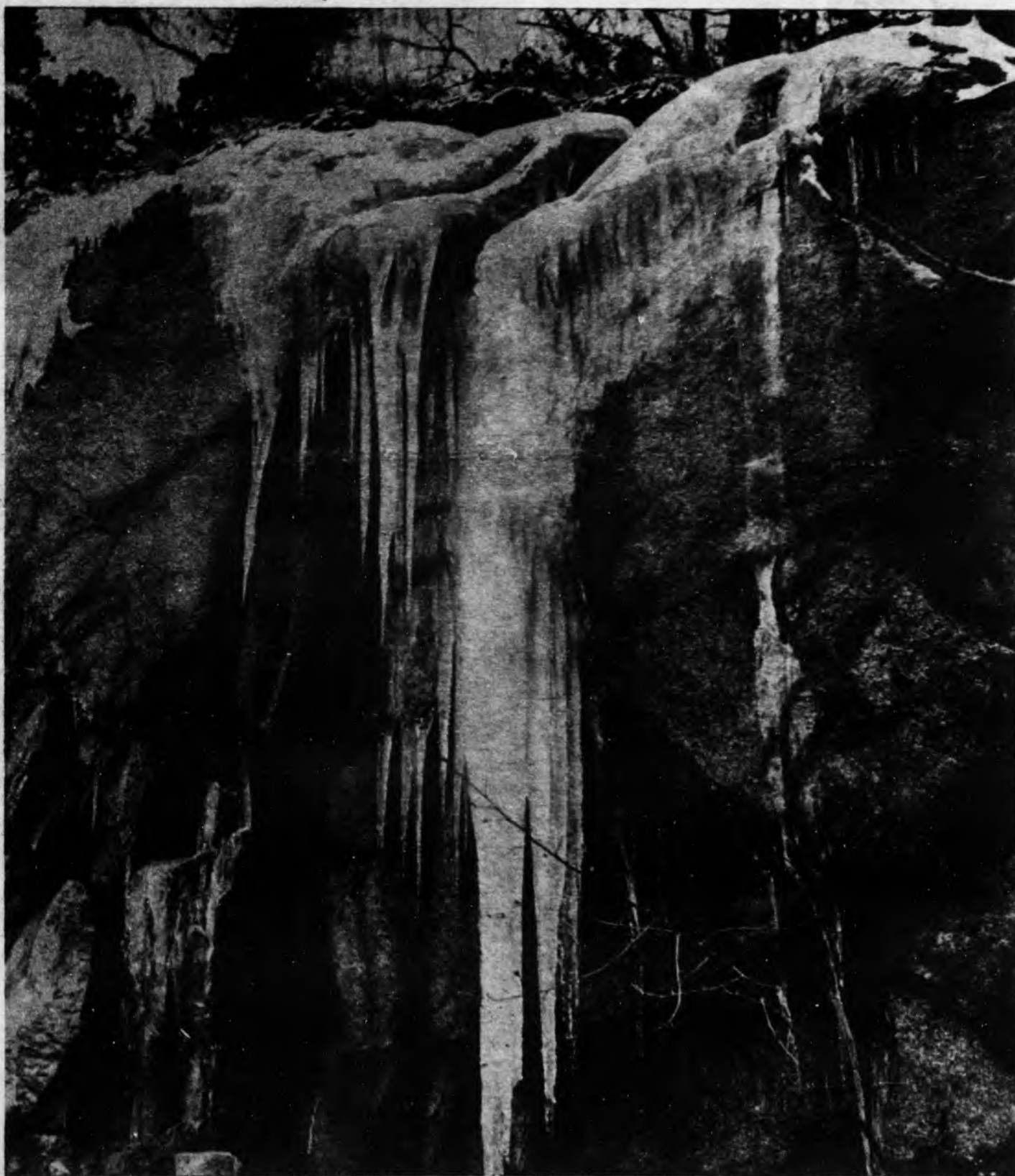
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## Return Of The Ice Age

NATURE'S ART creates ice sculpture on massive ledges, all typical of local winter scenes. (Greg derr photo)



## Fifth Grade Teacher And Music Classes Cut

# School Board Reduces Staff

By Judith Epstein

The School Committee voted last week to further reduce the teaching staff after considering the personnel section of the proposed 1979/1980 zero increase budget.

A fifth grade teacher was unanimously voted to be cut from the Deer Hill School, a reduction from six to five

teachers, as moved by Committee member Patricia Walsh. Walsh said that the present fourth grade enrollment of 129 students managed with five teachers, and that next year, as the fifth grade, should be able to do the same.

Supt. John Maloney refuted this rationale, "The Deer Hill had been experiencing an immigration pattern. I suggest that we maintain six teachers because of

this factor." Maloney expected new enrollments could cause increases of 11 to 18 students.

Committee member Frank England said the integration factor may have been true some years ago but he didn't see any evidence of it continuing. Walsh also commented that she knew of two families with many children that were moving out of town.

Also unanimously voted, as moved by Walsh, was the further one-fifth reduction of a vocal music teacher. The position is to be divided between both the Deer Hill and Joseph Osgood schools as decided by the administration.

Walsh defended this motion by a comparison of the time allotted students for

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## More Water Complaints Come In

Selectmen heard water complaints last week from Janet Figueiredo and Margo Aikens, residents of North Main Street, concerning discoloration and lack of hot water.

Mrs. Figueiredo claimed that the chemicals and sediments in town water have continually clogged the coils of the "tankless" element of her oil burner which heats her hot water. She said her oil company, ALCO, informed her that 15 new coils have been installed recently to other customers in town.

Both residents claimed that they have experienced worsening of the hot water problem in the last two months and desired explanations. They noted that they were on the end of a water main on North Main Street and could understand problems with pressure or even discoloration. The hot water deficiency drove them to the Selectmen's office only after receiving three unsatisfactory answers from the three water commissioners, they said.

Selectmen Mary Jeanette Murray expressed annoyance at the number of reasons given the press and residents for water difficulties. She and Clark voted to request from the Water Department an explanation in writing concerning the origins of the problems.

Clark later acknowledged that "sedi-

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## Selectman Release Reports On Feola Case

Selectmen Tuesday released the executive session minutes and police reports concerning incidents involving Patrolman Randolph Feola, Jr., on the morning of Oct. 14, 1978.

The minutes included the Nov. 29 account of the Selectmen's executive session meeting with Police Chief Randolph Feola. During this session, which concerned the allegations that Patrolman Feola had been involved in a high speed chase through Scituate, Chief Feola defended his son. He

stated that Feola, Jr., was not inebriated as reported, was unobserved driving a Pontiac Firebird in Scituate, and therefore found no case against him.

Selectmen told Chief Feola they wanted to see reports from all the officers involved in the case. Sgt. Richard Barrow, shift supervisor and officer most directly involved, had submitted a three-page report to the Chief on Nov. 1. This report and three others written by Patrolmen Clifton Jones,

Richard Churchill and David Pomarico substantiating Barrow's remarks were later submitted to Selectmen. (Copies of the Nov. 29 executive session minutes and Sgt. Barrow's report appear inside.)

At the Nov. 29 meeting, Chief Feola said that there was animosity in the Department toward him and his son and that he would also submit a report explaining this discord. This report was apparently never written as it was not among the reports released from Selec-

tmen.

Selectmen, at a Dec. 6 executive session, decided that a hearing would be held on the matter, although actual minutes of the session weren't available as the recording secretary had gone home at the close of open session at 10:15 p.m.

A paragraph at the bottom of the regular meeting minutes indicated that at 10:30 p.m. Selectmen voted to

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